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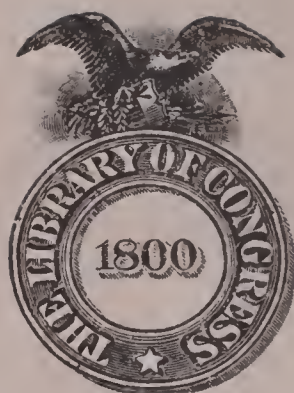
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*In Whose Life Is Portrayed Christian Mother-  
hood In All Its Beauty, This Book Is  
Lovingly Dedicated.*





## PREFACE

With the hope that it can be used effectively to draw men into a greater appreciation of the Christian life and subsequent spiritual and moral obligations, this volume is sent forth.

As to arrangement, it will be noted that the book is divided into four separate divisions. The first division contains poems dealing directly with the life and teachings of Christ; the second division centers around God, the Heavenly Father, and His relationship to mankind; the third division concerns the Christian life, with its noble attributes and great responsibilities; the fourth division contains poetical messages of exhortation to righteous living.

It is the hope of the author that some of the poems might be used by Christian workers as aids in the preparation of various types of occasional and inspirational messages. For convenience to those wishing to use any of the poems in the preparation of sermons and other types of inspirational messages, there is in the upper left-hand corner of each page an italicised notation which states the general theme of the forthcoming poem. There is also appended to the title of each poem a scripture reference which parallels the thought of the poem, this

being an added aid for the use of those people wishing to use them in messages.

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## OUR LORD, THE CHRIST

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*  
*John 3:16*





## *His Birth*

### O WONDER OF THEM ALL

*Luke 2:7*

O wonder of them all!  
To think that in a herdsman's stall,  
Out under the stars in a lonely vale  
Was born our Lord, Immanuel—

Just to think, a tiny star  
Led the wise men from afar  
To the place where Jesus lay,  
On that most blessed Christmas Day—

How my heart just now rejoices  
As I hear angelic voices  
Ringing forth through all the earth  
The story of our Saviour's birth.

*His Birth*

A CHRISTMAS REVELATION

*Psalm 126:5*

On this holy day of our Saviour's birth  
All is not joy throughout the earth,  
For many are troubled by lingering fears,  
Hungry and cold, their hearts yielding tears.

O what a joy it would be  
If God would but send me  
To search for the needy in every land  
And lend to them a helping hand.

But no, this which I earnestly ask  
Would be for me an endless task;  
So whispering to Christ for the world a prayer,  
Let my single desire be His love to share.

## *His Birth*

### WONDERFUL

*Isaiah 9:6*

His name is Wonderful, the Prince of Peace,  
And all, through His grace, may find release  
From the shackles of sin that bind secure,  
Into His love so matchless and pure.

The King of Kings is our Lord divine,  
And from His throne a light doth shine  
That lights for the world by sin overrun  
The way to our Lord, the Omnipotent One.

The Lord is revealed to men of all ages  
By His holy Word that has in its pages  
A message, that should the world but heed,  
Would solve many problems and bring peace in-  
deed.

*His Birth*

A CHRISTMAS GIFT

*Isaiah 9:6*

Unto us a Saviour is born.  
Let Israel's host now cease to mourn  
For glories past and ended fame,  
But with joy God's Gift her King proclaim.

Let all that have tongues now speak  
Words in praise of the Lowly and Meek,  
Lifting all voices in great adoration,  
Singing His praises through every nation.

Now, our Saviour, holding eternity's key,  
Beckons us come in humility  
To worship Him as did the shepherds of old,  
Bringing a gift greater than gold—our soul!

*His Earthly Ministry'*

IMPOSSIBLE?

*Matthew 8:2, 3*

A wretched leper walks shyly by  
In pain that makes him loudly cry,  
"Oh, my God, have mercy on me;  
From this dread demon do set me free!"  
Now the Lord puts forth His healing hand  
And cleanses this leper's body again.  
You shudder in wonder, but assent with a nod;  
With you it's impossible, but not with God.



## *His Earthly Ministry*

### FEAR NOT

*Luke 8:50*

A tiny maiden lies cold on her bed;  
Death has brought its fear and dread.  
All see clearly that the child has gone  
To meet the angels around God's throne.  
While all in mourning are grieving sore,  
A gentle hand swings wide the door.  
In steps the Saviour, the great physician,  
Now Death bows low in fearful submission.  
"Fear not," He says; "no longer weep,  
The little maiden is but asleep."  
Now He says in words so sweet,  
"Maiden, arise, go, take and eat."  
Now in this home where grief did abound,  
Joy through the words of Jesus is found.

FALSELY ACCUSED

*Luke 23:21*

To think, that my Savior was falsely accused!  
His precious body broken and bruised,  
Suffering untold anguish on Calvary's tree  
To buy with His blood atonement for me—

Think of the throng that demanded His death  
From the depths of their souls with every breath,  
Their voices barking before great Pilate's throne  
False accusations of one of their own.  
If our Lord were with us today  
I wonder if our generation would betray  
His love even as did Judas with a faithless kiss,  
Then go on its way contented, in barbarous bliss!

*His Crucifixion*

CALVARY'S CROSS

*Isaiah 53:5*

Nothing more cruel can ever be  
Than the cross of the Man of Galilee;  
Its limbs were bathed by His precious blood  
While curses rose in awesome flood.

O what a rich and precious flow  
Was shed for dying men of woe,  
Lost in sin's vast wilderness,  
With nought of love their souls to bless.

Was Jesus' blood shed there in vain,  
Or useless borne His grievous pain?  
No, not if we will trust and pray  
And bear our cross along life's way.

## THREE CROSSES

*Luke 23:39-43*

Three crosses stood on Golgotha's hill;  
The middle one did our Saviour fill.  
He bore our sins with compassion and love,  
To do the will of the Father above.  
Our Savior cried with a heart so large,  
"Father, lay not this sin to their charge!"

On one side of Jesus hung a bitter thief,  
A man who of sinners was surely chief;  
He looked on the Savior with scorn and despair;  
His heart was not filled with grief nor care.  
This thief was bitter, so hard and cold;  
He turned from the Savior and lost his soul!

## *His Crucifixion*

On the other side hung the lowest of men;  
His heart and life were filled with sin,  
But deep in his heart he felt Godly fear  
That drew him to Jesus whose cross stood near.  
He asked our dear Saviour for mercy above;  
His heart found relief through Jesus' love!

## *His Resurrection*

### O GLORIOUS RESURRECTION

*Luke 24:1-5*

The Lord has risen!  
The grave could not hold its God-sent prey!  
For on that third and glorious day  
The Lord Almighty, the Prince of Peace,  
Broke the bonds of death and attained release  
For all who would His Word believe  
And in loving obedience His will receive.

Where there was death now is life!  
The Christ who was dead is now alive  
And sitting on the right hand of God,  
Willing to give to all who for it strive,  
Freedom from death, with life so pure,  
Founded on His glorious resurrection—a founda-  
tion sure!

*His Resurrection*

THE DEFEAT OF DEATH

*Revelation 21:4*

O Grave, where is thy power?  
O Death, which doth all life devour,  
Canst thou bind in thy coils the mighty one?  
No! His death is as the setting sun,  
Which sets only to rise at break of day,  
The light of life radiating from its way.

Look! Cast your eyes eastward and behold  
A stone from a solitary tomb being rolled!  
One steps forth with garments like whitest snow,  
His face divinely beautiful, His being aglow.  
The Lord of creation from the dead arose,  
Crushing under His feet, the Grave and Death—  
    life's bitter foes!



## THE ETERNAL STAR

*Mark 16:19*

Gazing now at the heavens afar,  
I see glowing majestically the Evening Star,  
Crowned with eternal light, darkness to over-  
whelm,  
Illuminating the whole of Nature's realm.  
Its rays are shed from its celestial throne,  
Piercing subtle night 'til break of dawn.

Now looking back through the pages of time,  
I see one crowned with glory sublime—  
'Tis Jesus ascending in glorious array,  
By wings of angels borne swiftly away  
To the realms of glory, the heavens afar,  
Where His light shines forth as the Evening Star!

*His Atonement*

OVERWHELMING DARKNESS

*Jeremiah 51:5*

A cloud of sin o'erruns the world!  
Fiery darts of evil by Satan are hurled  
Into lives so deceived by his great might,  
Thus kept by sin in darkest night.

This loathsome cloud of all most great  
Would foster sin and dreadful hate;  
With vilest words and nought of praise,  
Men waste their lives in sin's dread ways.

Yet, through the darkness there shines a light,  
That reveals by its rays God's great might,  
Showing to men lost in sin's vile way,  
The pathway to Jesus and brightest day!

## THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

*Ephesians 2:13*

Through the plan of God for man's great fall,  
The blood of Christ was shed for all;  
That blood was shed in compassion and love  
By the Christ who came from Heaven above.

The blood of Christ brings hope and life,  
With certain relief from sin's vain strife;  
When its cleansing and soothing flow is felt,  
The hardest heart is made to melt.

O what peace and victory  
The blood of Christ has brought to me;  
It came like a flood in answer to prayer  
And lifted my life from depths of despair!

*His Atonement*

THE CLEANSING FLOW

*Acts 20:28*

Flowing like a river from Calvary  
Jesus' blood was shed for me,  
To cleanse my heart and yield it pure,  
To make my pathway firm and sure.

Life was fruitless and racked with pain,  
Shackled securely by sin's heavy chain,  
'Til on that day of victory,  
Christ's blood in power descended on me.

And still His blood goes surging on,  
Changing sin's night to glorious dawn,  
Sweeping multitudes from pain and care,  
Into Christ's grace, His love to share.

THE PEARL OF PRICE

*Matthew 13: 45, 46*

We, Christ's beloved, are the pearl of price;  
Though we, like Peter, would deny Him thrice,  
He loves us still through His rich grace  
And has gone to Heaven to prepare us a place,  
Where we with Him might find sweet rest  
With all the saints, by salvation blest.

Though our Lord has gone to Heaven above,  
He will come again and by His love  
Search for the pearl throughout the land  
To place it securely in His holy hand;  
He'll keep it forever in love without measure,  
For He shed His blood for this priceless treasure.

*His Presence*

## THE FRIEND OF SINNERS

*Mark 2:17*

So many times in dreadful pain  
Men think that life is void and vain,  
But even in life's darkest hour  
They feel within the Spirit's power,  
And find that in their greatest need  
The Friend of sinners is a friend indeed!

THE CAPTAIN OF MY SOUL

*Romans 8:11*

My ever watchful Captain stands  
At the pilot's wheel and with firm hands  
Guides my soul's ship safely on  
Over perilous depths of the vast unknown.

Deadly reefs and rocks appear,  
But this presents to me no fear,  
For all is in the firm control  
Of Jesus, the Captain of my soul.

On moves the ship with surging power,  
Of strength a mighty pulsating tower,  
Guided onward to the ultimate goal  
By Jesus, the Captain of my soul.



*His Presence*

LO, I AM WITH YOU

*Matthew 28:18-20*

“Lo, I am with you wherever you go,  
Through joy and peace, or pain and woe.  
When along the way great cares hard press,  
Be sure that I your life will bless,  
And if you seek My will in love  
Guidance will come from Heaven above.”

As Jesus these words to your heart speaks,  
Know that your devotion and love He seeks;  
Trust Him completely and walk in His way,  
For closer He will lead you day by day  
To the place where life will count for more  
And treasures laid in Heaven's store.

*His Power*

## CHRIST IS THE ANSWER

*Ezekiel 7:25*

How futilely nations have sought  
For solutions to pressing problems,  
But all has gone to nought!  
For in that searching they have not caught  
A vision of the Lord, who plants of peace the  
seed;  
He, and He alone, can fill the world's great need!

*Praise*

WONDERFUL JESUS

*Job 42:3*

How wonderful is our Lord divine !  
How far and wide His light doth shine  
To fill the earth with its radiant glow,  
Making hearts pure and blameless,  
Lovely as fresh fallen snow !

How wonderful is His high and holy name !  
Even the fowls of the air with their singing  
Proclaim His glorious power,  
Bursting forth their praises in a lovely  
And melodious shower !

## GOD, THE FATHER

*The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and He shall thrust out the enemy from before thee . . .*

*Deut. 33:27*



BY MY SPIRIT

*Galatians 6:8*

“By my Spirit,” saith the Lord,  
Not by clashing of the mighty sword,  
Men will be brought in humility  
To the Saviour who died on Calvary.

“By my Spirit” in all His power  
Blessings will come in torrential shower,  
And all will know through every nation  
That Jesus is worthy of all adoration!

“By my Spirit” strength will be had  
To lift the fallen and comfort the sad;  
Intercession for us at the Throne above  
Will come through the Spirit and Jesus’ love.

*His Power*

OVERCOMING POWER

*Matthew 6:13*

Surging forth like a thunder shower,  
To men of God comes overcoming power  
That helps in attaining the highest goals,  
And breathes new life into dying souls!

This power preserves eternal truth  
And gives to men perpetual youth  
To quench this power, Satan tries in vain,  
For falsehood cannot break truth's eternal reign.

The power of God like a mounting flood,  
Leaves in its wake our Saviour's blood,  
Which covers the hearts of sinful men,  
And buries forever the vilest sin!



## THE WORD OF GOD

*Matthew 24:35*

The Word of God is a lamp so bright  
That guides our feet through darkest night  
And leads us swiftly to the place  
Where in prayer and love we see His face.

This blessed word relieves our fears  
And sends us forth with passion and tears  
To find a pilgrim tossed by sin's waves  
And lead him to Jesus, who seeks and saves.

The Word of God with power of thunder  
Rends the heart and soul asunder,  
Piercing deep to the core of sin  
And changing completely the lives of men.

## *His Word*

From God's holy Word our Saviour can speak  
To longing hearts that His counsel seek,  
And give to all who trust and pray  
A peace and joy that will ne'er pass away.

The Word of God will stand through the ages,  
For Eternal Truth fills its holy pages;  
His Word will for time and eternity  
Lead men to the Master, who died for me.

## MAJESTIC TRUTH

*Psalm 117:2*

Truth will lift its lofty head and stand  
In majesty, when heaven, sea and land  
Have long been spent and wholly passed away,  
Its light permeating the universe, with pure and  
brightest ray!

“You shall know the truth and the truth shall  
make you free,”

The word of God rings forth in majestic simplicity,

Revealing of Truth its high and eternal power  
And beauty, lovely as a budding flower!

Only through Truth's great steadying force  
Will deceit and evil and ugly remorse  
Pass wholly from the earth, bringing blessed  
peace,

And from horrible war, a firm and sure release!

*His Fatherhood*

IN GOD'S HAND

*John 11:29*

I see trees, flowers, and birds in the sky,  
And bubbling brooks that seem to sigh;  
All that disturbs in the presence of man;  
All seems so secure in God's loving hand.

In this peaceful setting a sight I behold!  
The trees in their bosoms the rain drops fold;  
My heart leaps within me as silent I stand,  
For all that I see is in God's hand.

I see in the distance majestic hills,  
And as I behold them my heart quickly fills;  
For as I look on them so clearly I see  
That God's holy hand has made them to be.

This is but a part of all that I see,  
These things my God has revealed to me;  
I whisper a prayer as humbly I stand,  
For I know that I too am in God's hand.

*His Fatherhood*

DOES GOD FORGET?

*Hebrews 6:10*

Does God forget His faithful ones,  
Who look to Him in time of need  
For strength and zeal, His purpose to fill  
In their lives as they go along life's way  
In their quest for right and eternal day?

No! God will not forget  
His loving children, when doubts beset;  
He would not leave them comfortless  
To walk alone through life's way,  
But would send the Holy Comforter  
To strengthen day by day.

## CLIMBING WITH GOD

*Hebrews 11:13-16*

Higher and higher we upward go!  
The way seems rocky, but the joy we know  
Comes through trusting God as onward we've  
trod;  
We're climbing on slowly but surely with God.

Upward and forward, the way grows long,  
But down in our hearts there rings a sweet song,  
For while climbing with God there's joy in our  
Lord,  
A joy that this world can never afford.

Great problems loom up as we look far ahead,  
That cause us in sorrow and grief to shed  
Teardrops that fall like rain to the ground,  
But through climbing with God the answers are  
found.

Now we look up—the top is in sight!  
Firmly God leads us with fervor and might;  
We see soon the new city, a picture sublime,  
And find that with God we've finished the climb.

*His Presence*

## SUNSET WITH GOD

*Isaiah 60:1*

More wondrous than words can ever express  
Is seeing God's sunset in happiness,  
And knowing that as your life's sun  
Ebbs and wanes after its course is run,  
You'll see sunset here on earth's dim shore,  
Then sunrise with Jesus and peace evermore!

The sunset on earth is beyond compare;  
It breathes the breath of God in the air!  
But no matter how lovely earth's sunset may be  
The sunrise with Jesus in enchantment we'll see  
And find that the orbit of our life's sun  
Has followed the course that God has begun.



*His Love*

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

*John 3:16*

God so loved the world that He gave  
His son to come to seek and save  
All who would accept His salvation free  
And live for Him in purity.

His love from sin brings sure release,  
And fills troubled hearts with perfect peace;  
This holy love, far deeper than the sea  
Is given freely for the burdened soul's plea.

The love of God will great victory give  
So long as men for Jesus live;  
Then one day after earth's long stay,  
Our Lord to Heaven will bear us away!

*His Love*

THE LOVE OF GOD

*Jeremiah 31:3*

God's matchless love, so boundless and free,  
In troubled hours bring sweet peace to me,  
When comes His Spirit hovering nigh,  
My sin-laden heart to purify.

How radiantly His love shines forth!—  
From east to west and south to north  
In blended rays like the setting sun,  
Yielding the grace that Jesus won.

The lives of His saints God's love portrays,  
As it shines from their lives in their stay  
In earth's finite sphere, thus showing to all  
How God has lifted man from his great fall.

*His Majesty*

## THE GLORY OF GOD

*Psalm 19:1*

“The heavens declare the glory of God”  
And make us to see His power and might;  
Thus, as we look far out through the sky,  
We behold just now a wondrous sight  
That floods our souls with joy and light!

The rivers, oceans and seas of the earth  
Declare the glory of our loving Lord.  
The fields, woods and rocks of the hills  
Bring to our hearts the truth of His Word;  
All the dear scenes throughout the whole land  
Have come to be made by God’s mighty hand.

O GOD MOST HIGH

*Psalm 34:1*

O God most high, with thunderous might,  
Flood thou my soul with thy great light!—  
And take from me all doubts and fears;  
Then send me forth with flowing tears  
To show to men in depths of sin,  
A loving Lord, a faithful friend!

When cares hard press and joy doth flee  
Help me see again at Calvary  
The one who died upon the tree  
To save a worthless wretch like me!  
Then let me fall at His dear feet,  
And find in Him a joy so sweet.



## THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

*Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. Romans 6:4*



## THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

*Romans 6:4*

How glorious it is to walk the Christian way!—  
To follow Jesus as He leads from day to day  
Through fruitful labors and endless joy.  
How marvelous it is to see that life,  
Wholly surrendered and free from sin-bred strife,  
The life that is founded on the Saviour's love,  
Looking ever for guidance to Heaven above.



A VISION OF THE CROSS

*Isaiah 53:5*

I dreamed I saw a cross one day,  
The cross on which my Saviour died;  
And as I looked upon that scene  
I fell upon the earth and cried,  
“My Lord, help me the cross to bear!  
Lead me my Saviour’s toil to share!”

As I lay there I saw a light,  
Shining upon the earth so bright;  
I wondered long what this might mean  
As Satan’s grip closed down on me,  
But Jesus like a magnet drew  
My soul into His service true!

## THE CROSSROADS OF LIFE

*Romans 6:4*

For many long years I walked in sin,  
Trudging the broad way with throngs of men,  
Many times treading near death's gaping door,  
With foolish lusts I grieved Christ sore!

I journeyed on down the road of life,  
Seeking for joy and finding but strife,  
Until the road of the cross I chanced to find;  
Then the crossroads of life were left behind!

Now, a new road I was walking along;  
On my face was a smile, in my heart a song,  
All because when the cross I spied  
I left the wide road to walk by His side.

VICTORY IN CHRIST

*I John 5:4*

I wandered long in toils of sin,  
Seeking in vain for peace within!  
So to and fro I roamed about,  
Feeling great care and grief—in doubt,  
But then one day—true victory!  
The peace of God came rich and free.

The joy of God flowed through my soul;  
Peace came as wavy billows roll.  
Satan in all his monstrous might  
Made fast his stand for this last fight,  
And then the pangs of sin did flee;  
My heart poured forth—true victory!

## *Salvation*

You ask me how I know it's real,  
And wonder why I have new zeal  
Which Christ has brought my life to fill.  
Down on my knees in still of night  
I found this faith so full and free,  
This faith that gives true victory!

*Salvation*

FREE INDEED

*John 8:36*

As to Jesus men come in depths of grief,  
They find in Him a sweet relief  
That soothes their hearts so torn by care  
And sets them free from wretched despair,  
Which fills so utterly the lives of men  
Who are lost and tempest-tossed by sin.

O what peace flows through the soul  
Of a sinner drawn to the Shepherd's fold!  
A joy is felt and peace so sweet,  
That causes one in prayer to repeat  
A longing for God his life to lead.  
Yea, in Christ Jesus, we are free indeed!

*Rebellion*

THE PRODIGAL SON

*Luke 15:11-24*

The prodigal son, an ambitious young man  
Longed much to journey throughout the land;  
So leaving his father's house behind,  
He went forth hoping his fortune to find.

He spent his inheritance with not much care,  
Then found himself poor—in misery and despair!  
He longed for the joy and peace of his home  
And repented in grief his ambition to roam.

Soon, toward his father's house he went,  
Though heart and soul were long before spent!  
Onward he journeyed until joyfully one day  
He saw his dear father coming fast his way.

## *Rebellion*

The father ran to him and with tender embrace  
Placed kisses and teardrops of love on his face;  
Then taking his son in his loving care,  
He turned to his home and took the boy there.

All were rejoicing to see this lost boy,  
Thus shed tenderly teardrops of joy,  
All because after his long sinful roam  
This boy saw his wrong and came humbly home.

*Indebtedness*

ALL THAT I HAVE

*Romans 1:14*

All that I have though meager and small,  
I fain would surrender at Christ's gentle call,  
Thus do as He bids in implicit trust,  
Revealing to mankind the Faithful and Just.

Though that which we have be little indeed  
As the mite of the widow in desperate need,  
If given freely will be wonderfully blest  
And through purging fire will weather the test!

All that we have God doth bestow;  
A debt on our part to Jesus we owe,  
Yet, though we should try through life's long day,  
The debt to our Saviour we'll never repay!



*Surrender*

COMPLETELY SURRENDERED

*Isaiah 6:6-8*

Have you completely surrendered to Christ your  
all;

Are you waiting patiently for the Spirit's call?—  
To lead you out from hindering sin  
To the dying world that you can win!

If a man to God will wholly surrender  
And love Him always with love so tender,  
Souls will be led from darkness and fear  
To the yielded life, with Christ so near.

As men to God their lives surrender,  
They shine like jewels in majestic splendor;  
Thus show to the world, without a doubt  
What in the surrendered life is brought about.

*Surrender*

THROUGH GOD'S EYES

*Psalm 11:4*

If you could see yourself through God's eyes  
Would it help you in humility to realize  
That within yourself you're so weak and poor,  
Thus lead you to trust Christ more?

If again through God's eyes you could see,  
You would find why your life's not a tree  
That beareth fruit toward eternity's yield;  
Your heart with sin might be overfilled!

As yourself through God's eyes you behold,  
Again you might see as Isaiah of old,  
Then fall on your face in utter despair  
And whisper to God for cleansing a prayer!

*Surrender*

THY WILL BE DONE

*Acts 21:14*

One day while looking to heaven to pray,  
My heart and soul seemed within to say,  
“O Prince of the Skies, Eternal One,  
My Lord, just now Thy will be done!”

The fowls of the air seemed with one accord  
As they soared along to honor their Lord;  
Could they but speak, they would say as one,  
“O Lord of Hosts, thy will be done!”

Would to God that all could know  
What prayers from longing hearts now flow  
To the throne of God, the Lovely One,  
And say in love, thy will be done!

TO KNOW HIM

*Matthew 11:29*

To know Him is my longing prayer—  
To go with Him wherever He leads;  
To live for Him daily and share  
His tasks, His suffering, and care.  
O that we might strive to know  
That holy One who bled on Calvary  
From sin to make us free—  
That One who sits at God's right hand  
To intercede for me!

*Consecration*

ETERNAL BEAUTY

*Romans 10:15*

How beautiful are the hands about the Master's  
tasks!

Just now, I would stop and ask—what makes it  
so?

What makes those Godly faces glow  
With radiant light? Yes, I know;  
That beauty is eternal and divine!

IN THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS

*Galatians 6:14*

In the shadow of the cross I stand,  
While the world God sifts as shifting sand;  
And O what a glorious sight I see  
As I look on the Saviour of Calvary!

The penitent thief in the shadow hang  
While rejoicing angels in Heaven sang  
Of the Christ who was giving His life for all  
Who would in humility on His name call.

O my soul!—that my Jesus would  
Ever let me stand where He has stood;  
Then help me count all other loss,  
And ever remain in the shadow of the cross.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

*John 6:35*

The Bread of Life is free to all  
Who will in faith on the Master call;  
All who are hungry for spiritual bread  
Are filled by Christ whose blood was shed  
On Calvary's cross for remission of sin.  
He paid the price for the vanity of men!

Servants of God, go far and wide  
To break the Bread at the Saviour's side;  
For all who seek for release from strife  
Will find relief in the Bread of Life,  
And from their voices the news will go  
Of the Christ of the ages, who loves us so!

*Duty*

## THE JOURNEY OF LIFE

*Matthew 12:29*

I'm walking through the turns of life,  
Seeking to relieve care and strife;  
With Jesus my Saviour as my great Guide,  
I'm finding through prayer a place at His side.

Many are weary from this journey through earth  
While others are content in their vain mirth;  
But so long as Jesus I have as my Guide,  
I'll carry the cross by His loving side.



*Duty*

I WILL FOLLOW THEE

*Matthew 8:19*

Master, I will follow thee  
In love, in truth and loyalty;  
I'll follow thee, Lord, in service true;  
Lord Jesus, I'll do what you want me to do!

I'll follow thee, Lord, to Gethsemane,  
And follow on to Calvary;  
Whenever you lead, wherever it be,  
Lord, help me in love to follow thee!

In care or sorrow, in peace or pain,  
I follow not my Lord in vain;  
He'll help bear my burdens as onward I roam,  
And then one day He'll carry me home.

A CHOSEN VESSEL

*Acts 9:15*

Great and godly men of the past  
Have made to this day their memory last,  
For as they heeded the call of God's voice  
They surrendered to Him and made their choice  
His way, and through the ages stand  
As living vessels, moulded in the Potter's hand!

May our lives ever God's will portray,  
From morning 'til night through every day;  
Thus when we hear the Master's command,  
Make our lives as clay in the Potter's hand!—  
To be firmly moulded in accord with His will,  
That we in the Kingdom our place may fill.

## *Stewardship*

### A FAITHFUL STEWARD

*Malachi 3:10*

A faithful steward is one who gives all  
To the Kingdom work at the Master's call;  
Never begrudging his meagre giving,  
He lifts high the cross through living  
A life that is spotless and free from lust,  
Surrendered to God in obedient trust!

A faithful steward has joy we know;  
How oft we wonder what makes it so!  
We soon discover his secret to success  
And the source of that sweet happiness  
Is in giving his all to Jesus in love  
And looking to God for provision from above.

## THE LOST SHEEP

*Luke 15:4-7*

As a shepherd's flock was grazing one day,  
One sheep by chance soon strayed away;  
Straightway went the shepherd to seek the lost  
    sheep  
Among rocky cliffs, though rugged and steep.

After long hours away from the fold,  
The lost one was found, hungry and cold;  
So pressing it to him with tender caress,  
The shepherd soon brought it, the fold to possess.

We too, like this sheep had gone far astray  
And wandered in vanity through sin's way;  
'Til one blessed day the Story was told,  
And Jesus gathered us safely in His fold.

*Faith*

FAITH, THE NOBLER VIRTUE

*Galatians 2:20*

Faith is far purer than the crystal fountain;  
Yea, more majestic still than the highest mountain!

Its possessors are crowned with a holy bliss,  
As though were felt an angel's kiss.

Faith is far nobler than the fairest knight,  
Who in ages past for virtue did fight;  
It instills in the heart a deeper trust  
And renders it holy, noble and just.

*Meekness*

BLESSED ARE THE MEEK

*Matthew 5:5*

Blessed are the humble, lowly and meek  
That through each day diligently seek  
For weary pilgrims to give comfort and cheer,  
Walking onward in love, with Christ so near!

Surely they that exalt to the sky  
Their self-righteousness, shall cry  
For mercy when they are brought low  
By the hand of God, with dreadful woe!

Seek for meekness above all other things,  
For in its wake it peace surely brings;  
Yea, meekness and longsuffering will gain due re-  
ward  
In eternity at the throne of the Lord.

*Peace*

## AT PEACE WITH GOD

*Isaiah 26:3*

How lovely is that simple peace  
That affords to life increase  
In the abundance of longed for things—  
That marvelous peace that brings  
Joy and comfort to all who are sad;  
Sweet peace that through sinning can never be  
    had.

How many souls are warring with God,  
Walking in sin and striving to trod  
Under foot His majestic and holy name!  
They seek always to put to shame  
Those that love His way above all,  
They that have heeded His glorious call.

CLOSER TO THEE

*Psalm 73:25*

Lord, I beseech thy presence in darkest hours,  
To comfort and cheer when Satan's powers  
Seek to destroy even the soul;  
My Lord, lead me to the eternal goal!

Through every moment I would be  
Closer my precious Saviour to thee—  
Even to the end of my earthly stay,  
When comes most glorious, eternal day!



THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW WAY

*Matthew 7:14*

Numberless souls carried onward in life's mad  
race

Are seeking for joy through vanity's embrace,  
Seeming always true repentance to delay—  
O tragedy; thus never find the narrow way  
That leads to Heaven's gilded gate,  
Where eternal joy and peace await!

This sacred path, so securely concealed  
From sin harboring souls, is clearly revealed  
To penitent hearts who seek not in vain  
For Salvation's way, their lives to sustain;  
And only through the sinner's prayer  
Will Heaven's light the narrow way declare!

ALONE WITH GOD

*Matthew 26:36*

O how often in times of grief  
We come to God to find relief  
From pressing cares and distress,  
To find in Him sweet happiness!

Those peaceful moments are sweet to recall,  
Of times when humbly we laid our all  
At His dear feet with tenderest tears—  
There finding relief from torturing fears!

O let us resolve that through each day  
We will in quiet moments steal away  
To the secret place and in heart-felt embrace,  
Alone with God, see His dear face!

*Prayer Life*

PRAYER

*Matthew 26:41*

Prayer like a mighty rushing wind  
Wings its way from hearts of men  
To the throne of God with mighty power,  
Sending earthward blessings, in torrential shower!

Prayer sustains the fainting heart,  
Causing hindering fear to depart,  
And giving the heart so filled with woe,  
New courage to fight the fearful foe!

Prayer is the righteous soul's ally;  
For when in need for strength we cry,  
It summons forth to the battle field  
A new reserve, that will never yield!

A PRAYER

*Psalm 5:2*

O Lord, in all you would have me do  
Help me be ever faithful and true;  
To do my best with all my might  
To stand for the truly noble and right!

Help me to yield my will to thine,  
That my life might always shine  
As a living symbol of thy holy grace—  
Reflecting earthward thy holy face!

Help me to love thee above all,  
Thus go aside oft to fall  
Before thy throne, my faith to renew,  
And gain strength to render my service true!

## *Doubt*

### WHY?

*Romans 8:28*

How many times when trouble comes  
And joy would seem to flee,  
I search my heart and ask again,  
Why should this happen to me?

Why should my cross be so heavy to bear;  
Why is not one sent even now to share  
These heartaches, tears and pains?  
As doubts beset me and sorrows my heart would  
fill,  
There comes the sweet consolation—  
It is God's will that I bear this cross;  
My doubts away soon fly,  
For a truthful revelation has come,  
The answer to the question—Why?

NOT BY BREAD ALONE

*Luke 4:4*

“Men shall not live by bread alone,”  
But even by every word from the throne  
Of Jesus our Lord, who with infinite grace  
Will reveal to us of service our place,  
Where giving ourselves, yea, even our all  
We can wait to receive the Spirit’s call!

How few there are who fast and pray;  
How numberless those in the feasting way,  
Who draw continually from the bountiful store  
So freely given by God; yet they never implore  
His love to lead to the closer way,  
The path of service and sacrifice through each  
day.

*Reward*

## IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE

*John 14:2*

In my Father's house are riches untold,  
That are far more precious than silver or gold;  
In my Father's house there's a place for me,  
For my mansion Christ purchased on Calvary!

Our Saviour has given His life for our sin;  
He paid the price for our cleansing within.  
Christ went one day to prepare us a place;  
Our Heaven He made by His matchless grace!

*Reward*

AFTER LIFE'S JOURNEY

*John 1:51*

After life's journey comes to an end  
And at God's throne in Heaven we bend,  
We'll shout the praises of Christ our King  
And hear the heavenly chorus sing!

We'll walk the shining streets of gold,  
And see our Lord the Lamb's book unfold,  
And find that through serving our Jesus each day  
We've won complete victory and come all the  
way.

The Christ of the ages we'll praise above all,  
And prostrate before His throne will fall;  
Our Lord will see the saints on every side  
And embrace them all as His loving Bride!



*Reward*

WELL DONE

*Matthew 25:21*

After all the battles of life are won,  
When comes life's end like the setting sun,  
When face to face with the Holy One,  
Will Jesus tell us then, well done?

When treasures are gathered at Heaven's door  
That we through life have placed in store,  
When these are counted one by one,  
Will Jesus tell us then, well done?

When souls pass by the Lord's great throne,  
Those souls that we through life have known,  
If we these souls to Christ have won,  
Our Lord will tell us then, well done!

*Reward*

## ETERNITY

*I Thessalonians 4:13*

Life is like a fleeting day,  
A span of time that passes away  
Quickly as it doth begin,  
When subtle death doth ascend!

Hovering over both hill and vale,  
Hideous death now tolls its bell,  
And high as the heavens rises the wail  
Of sin-breeding souls, now cast into hell!

Hark! death's bell tolls again  
For Godly men—but even in vain;  
For theirs is life in the Haven of rest,  
Where life rules supreme the home of the blest!



## *EXHORTATION TO RIGHTEOUSNESS*

*But exhort one another daily, . . . lest any of you  
be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. He-  
brews 3:13*



*Repentance*

THE WATER OF LIFE

*Revelation 22:17*

Rich, pure, full and free,  
The Water of Life flows from God's sea;  
There is plenty for all to drink their fill  
While walking God's way in His holy will.

Do the waves of life's sea toss you about  
And the cares that press cause you to doubt?  
If your heart is filled with this world's strife  
Drink deeply and freely the Water of Life!

*Repentance*

WITHOUT GOD, WITHOUT HOPE

*Psalm 39:7*

How many souls in contentment go  
Through life vainly to and fro  
In the ways of sin, and blindly grope  
Through utter darkness without God, without  
hope!

Many are the heartaches of the sinning one  
Who seeks not the Saviour, the holy Son;  
The sinner drifts with the listing wind,  
With no real purpose in life, and then—a dread-  
ful end!

But wait! there is a tried and proven way  
To find new hope and glorious day;  
That way is Jesus, of humble birth,  
The mightiest of kings, the Lord of the earth!

*Repentance*

THE LORD IS NEAR

*Isaiah 55:6*

Have you some need in your heart so great,  
And long your burden of sin to forsake?  
Then turn to my loving Saviour dear;  
Be still, my friend, the Lord is near.

Do the cares of life's sea toss you about;  
Are you taking through life a sinful route?  
Then seek my Friend, my Saviour dear;  
Ask now, dear soul, the Lord will hear.

Have you longed for joy and peace within,  
Desiring not to gain the wages of sin?  
If you hope for eternal life so dear,  
Pray now, my friend, the Lord is near!



*Repentance*

THE PRICE OF REJECTION

*Luke 13:28*

How can men continually reject  
The Saviour, who promises His elect  
Peace and joy and mercy above,  
At life's end—sweet rest in His love!

The heart that continues the Lord to deny,  
Harboring vain thoughts, and loving a lie,  
That heart hardened like tempered steel  
Shall in eternity be made to feel  
The might of God, then for salvation plea,  
But then will come those dreadful words,  
“Ye workers of iniquity, depart from me!”

*Repentance*

BEHOLD YOUR KING

*John 19:14*

Behold, your King is standing near ;  
Come now to Him in faith—not fear ;  
His love is great, His grace is free,  
Draw nigh, dear friend, and you will see !

The Lord is King of sea and hill,  
Raging waters obey His will ;  
From the realm of nature His praises ring,  
And for His glory the angels sing !

Your King will keep you to the end,  
And for your Guide His Spirit send ;  
Be sure that you in everything  
With grateful hearts, crown Him King !

*Repentance*

A VOICE FROM HEAVEN

*Exodus 22:23*

The heavens disclose an awesome wonder  
That echoes like bursts of clashing thunder,  
There comes ringing forth words so clear,  
Chilling me through with heart-rending fear!

'Tis the voice of our great Lord and King,  
Sounding those words that seem to take wing,  
Flying to the multitudes of listening ears  
And bringing men low with passion and tears!

## GOD'S BATTLE CALL

*Ephesians 6:13*

Take on the whole armour of God,  
March down the paths that saints have trod;  
Follow on to victory as Jesus leads,  
Go out and minister to the lost world's needs!

With the shield of faith upon your chest  
And the Word of God within your breast,  
Fight the devil and all his monstrous sin;  
March on and conquer the souls of men!

Place the sword of the Spirit within your hand,  
Lift your heart and firm with Jesus stand;  
With a heavy heart and a passion for souls,  
Lift high the banner and set the goals!

## *Duty*

We've a world to conquer for our blessed God,  
Plant firm your feet down in the sod;  
Though the legions of hell around you pour,  
March straight and firm through God's great  
war!

The world shouts loud in frightful scorn;  
Your heart by bitter grief is torn;  
Lift high your voice to Heaven's throne,  
Stand firm and make the Gospel known!

The battle is on and the objective clear,  
You praise the Lord as He draws near;  
Now the devil and all his angels see  
That today the Lord will have the Victory!

## LAUNCH OUT INTO THE DEEP

*Luke 5:4*

Don't question God when a command He gives,  
For remember that now and forever He lives  
To show you the way you're trying to find,  
Because in the realm of His great mind  
He knows what's best for all His sheep;  
So trusting Him fully, launch into the deep!

Peter and James, the fishers of old,  
Cast out their nets where deep waves rolled  
Then pulled up the catch with trembling hand,  
For they had followed the Lord's command.  
Give Jesus your life and the harvest reap,  
And cast out with God into the deep!

*Fruitfulness*

BEHOLD THE HARVEST

*John 4:35*

Look on the world's great harvest field  
Which holds for Christ an abundant yield  
That must be reaped by steady hands  
Placed for service in the Master's hands.

The harvest is ripe but laborers few  
Who will to Christ be faithful and true;  
Thus marching forth with might and zeal  
Gather for Him the harvest field!

Men of our Lord wherever you be,  
Ask for God-speed on bended knee;  
Then go and reap with heart and soul  
To gather the lost into Christ's fold!

## THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

*Matthew 5:14*

“You are the light of the world!”  
As Satan’s might is against you hurled  
Lead men from darkness of sinful night  
To Jesus our Saviour, the giver of light.

Let your light ever shine,  
That wayfaring pilgrims lost and blind  
Might safely be led off death’s broad street  
To find eternal life at Jesus’ feet.

After your light has burned out completely,  
Jesus will say so humbly and sweetly,  
“Come unto me and find here release!  
Shine forth as stars in light and peace!”



*Fruitfulness*

A BARREN TREE

*Matthew 21:19*

As our Saviour walked through Galilee,  
By chance He spied a barren tree  
That with green leaves was amply filled,  
Yet had no fruit for its due yield.

Seeing the tree He turned in despair  
Breathing a sigh of regret in the air  
And pronounced on this tree, of fruitfulness shorn,  
A message of death with bitterest scorn!

O may our lives not barren be,  
Thus be condemned as was that tree;  
Let us seek through prayer a fruitful increase,  
And only at death our laboring cease!

## WHY SLUMBER AND SLEEP

*Psalm 121:4*

O Christian friends, why slumber and sleep  
When Satan in accord with his might doth sweep  
Souls unnumbered into the chasm of hell  
Because you the Story have failed to tell.

Awake and arise from your deep slumber!  
Go and witness to the earth's vast number,  
Leading men to Jesus near  
To fall at His feet in trembling and fear.

The laborer who works will get his reward  
When he shall come to the throne of the Lord,  
But those who slumber will wail and weep  
When they see lost souls in hell's vast deep!

*Fruitfulness*

## THE HEAVENWARD GAZE

*Acts I-II*

Men of God, why stand idly by  
While the world heaves forth a frightful sigh,  
So wrapped in Satan's coiled snares  
And under his hand o'erloaded with cares!

Still you stand gazing there,  
Seeming not to harbor a care  
For the world's grieved and burdened mass,  
Held in sin's most dreadful abyss!

Take your eyes from the skies and look around;  
Hear the mighty earth resound  
With bitter oaths as the heathen rage;  
Join now with Jesus, the battle to wage!

## GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

*Matthew 21:22*

Whatever the pressing problem may be,  
Trust the loving Father implicitly;  
Let not your heart so soon despair!  
But wait on God, He answers prayer.

When the cares of life seem so great  
And your heart is grieved in this state,  
Take God your burdens, your every care;  
And never forget—God answers prayer!

When disease and heartache beset you sore,  
Muster all your strength and trust God more;  
As you bear your cross those pains He'll share,  
Trust in Him, He'll answer your prayer!

*The Yielded Life*

FOR JESUS' SAKE

*Luke 6:22*

In whatever you set your hands to do,  
Give your best to Christ in service true;  
Though Satan would seek your life to break,  
Launch out in love for Jesus' sake!

When your heart is sad and filled with fear,  
Remember, your Lord is standing near;  
He'll keep you firm, your life He'll make  
A shining example, for Jesus' sake!

Though men despise you and cast you away,  
Lift your heart to Jesus—trust and obey;  
Remember that true faith the world will shake,  
God will give victory for Jesus' sake.

*The Yielded Life*

SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM

*Luke 12:31*

As you follow Jesus in word and deed  
Know that His grace will fill every need;  
For when you need Him most, the Lord is near,  
Seek first the Kingdom, He will hear!

When troubles come and problems you face,  
Lean on the promise of His matchless grace;  
Though will come sin's darts from Satan's way,  
Victory will come as you pray each day!

## *Rededication*

### NO TIME FOR GOD

*Psalm 10:4*

While trudging through life's paths each day,  
Do we often take time to go and pray,  
To seek for our Saviour, the heavenward guide,  
And with Him through peaceful moments abide?

All seem to find time for idle talk,  
For that—O how refreshing!—evening walk;  
There's time for work and time for play  
But hardly ever any time to pray!

O how tragic to find that as we plod  
Along our way, we've much time for nothing,  
But very little time for God.  
Rich blessing will come and peace so sublime  
If we for God, in love, will take time!

*Thanksgiving*

IT IS FINISHED

*Luke 19:30*

“It is finished,” I hear my Master say;  
Through His death was made the way  
Of escape from the dreadful woes of sin,  
That terminates in death, even as it began.

And now I lay aside my pen and pray  
That God might use these lines to reveal His way,  
To show forth Jesus, the lovely One,  
The Prince of Peace, God’s holy Son.













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